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Amendments to the Specification:

The paragraph bridging pages 4-5 of the specification should be amended as follows:

S. [[Coheen]] Goheen et al., in the J. of Chromatography, 326 (1985), 235-241, describe a method for fractionating human serum. For this purpose, a Bio-Gel TSK Phenyl-5PW column is charged with the starting solution and subsequently eluted at 0°C by means of a linear ammonium sulfate gradient in 0.1M sodium phosphate buffer. Such a linear elution can be carried out only on an analytical scale, since otherwise, when charging the starting solution and using said initial concentration of 1.7M, the column would become blocked if one were to work on a preparative scale. Moreover, it is necessary to work at 0°C, in order to improve the resolution of the chromatogram. Because of the technical effort involved, such a procedure cannot be transferred to a process on a preparative scale.